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Please amend the claims as follows:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Amended herein) [[A KEX1]] An isolated [[nucleotide sequence of]] nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO: 3 [[encoding carboxypeptidase α , which is isolated from *Hansenula polymorpha* DL1 (ATCC 26012)]].

18-43. (Cancelled)

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